UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	Joshua Rojas, d/b/a Rojas Wildlife,)))	AWA Docket No. 08-0008
	Respondent))	Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

The respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

- 1. Respondent Joshua Rojas, doing business as Rojas Wildlife, is an individual whose mailing address is 11653 E. 300 S, Greentown, IN 46936-9421.
- 2. At all times material herein, the respondent was licensed and operating as an exhibitor as defined in the Act and the regulations.

Conclusions

The respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

- 1. Respondents, his agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall not violate the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder.
- 2. The respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$19,875.00, which is hereby suspended provided that the respondent, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, is not found to have violated the Animal Welfare Act or the regulations and standards for a period of one-year from the effective date of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's Animal Welfare Act license is permanently revoked, and the respondent is permanently disqualified from obtaining a license under the Animal Welfare Act and the regulations.

The provisions of this order shall become effective upon issuance.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Frank Martin, Jr. 7 Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C. this day of 2007

Administrative Law Judge